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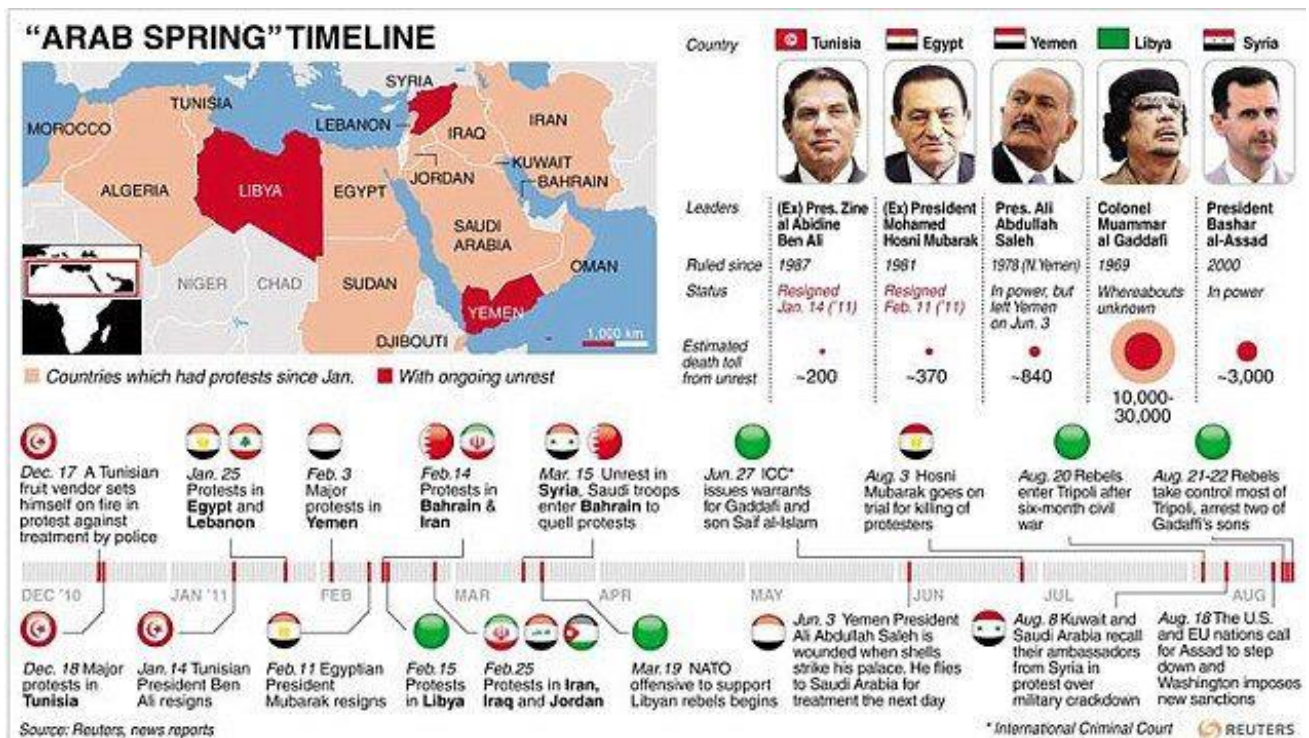
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The fate of ‘Arab Spring’ in other Middle Eastern countries was much shorter than Egypt. Many of them fell into chaos and disorder. After the fall of Gaddafi in Libya, a large number of weapons flowed into the black market and resulted in a civil war between tribes. Same as in Yemen. President Saleh was exiled abroad. Saudi Arabia, as a mediator, helped to establish a new interim government. But as Yemen is the tribal society, Houthi factions gained momentum and former President Saleh joined to Houthi insurgency and occupied the capital Sana'a. The Hadi interim government escaped to Aden and managed to maintain a power with the support by Saudi-led coalition’s airstrike. International community stamped on Yemen as failed state same as Libya.

Syria would be the best example of Arab Spring ended in a failed state. Syria was split into many political pieces, i.e. Assad government, Islamic State (IS), Sunni anti-government forces, etc. At the same time there was also a fight between the international powers which was

involved in the fight in search for hegemony. Islamic State was destroyed through international cooperation. Assad regime with Russian support regained the power while the West and the Arab Sunni countries took a time. The democratic forces in Syria, which was expected as a flagship of the Arab Spring, revealed inability and was completely diminished.

What was the Arab Spring? There is endless debate until now. The word 'Spring' sounds sweet. But it causes misunderstanding. Western people use Spring and democracy in the same political meaning. They insist that democracy is absolutely the right ideology in modern society. Why they force on their own dogma denying the different culture? They are not generous for others.

Anyhow, it can be said that "Arab Spring" was a short spring banquet in 2011.

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